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New children's and teen librarian welcomed



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Fort Line Sectionary school presents real Simon's rine God Collipie remain version. The first of turke shows will be nead at the school of Friday, April 22. From left, are Bailey Arih, Lauryn Fitzpatrick, Hannah Leesley (back) Erik Timbers, Matthew Fyke, Mikayla lannandrea, and Lauren Duncan. For more information see page 13.





### New children's and teens librarian joins in the fun at Fort Erie Public Library

#### SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Eric Public Library offers so much more than books these

Libraries are changing, offering not only the traditional books which are so important, but they offer a place for children to experiment and discover," said Karissa Alcox, Fort Erie Public Library's new children and teen's librarian.

Alcox joined the staff at the library four weeks ago and considers herself lucky

to be part of the team. She has a bachelor's degree in English, language

and literature from the University of Waterloo and a master's of library and information sciences from the University of Western Ontario.

Alcox previously worked Idea Exchange, which she

for the Kitchener Public Library and the Cambridge said are two examples of

"innovative libraries." She's looking forward to bringing fresh new ideas to Fort Erie's library, which already gives its patrons a wide variety of offerings including its Therapy Tails program, which combines

a love of reading with ani-According to Alcox, the

Fort Erie Public Library is leading the way for librarof technology.

ies across Niagara in terms "Fort Erie's library is innovate in a lot of ways. It's the forerunner in technology in the Niagara region and Fort Erie was able to get a 3D printer early on

when most libraries are

just starting to get them," she said.

Having recently received approximately \$5,000 from the Ontario Library Canacity Fund, the library now has four new robots and a variety of new and engaging technology equipment.

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- League is 9 holes & restricted to a total of 60 Women Green fees and weekly prize fund is \$20.00 HST included
- League will run from April 26th to Sept 20th

### **News Brief**

### Canadian Niagara Power announced a town-wide power outage planned for two

separate dates in April. The power outages will occur on Sunday, April 17 and Sunday, April 24 between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. The electrical supply for the Town of Fort Erie will be temporarily transferred grid to the New York grid via the newly constructed International Power Line.

"In order to facilitate this necessary upgrade work, these short duration town wide power outages are required," Kristine Carmichael CNP's manager of corporate communications and customer "CNP recognizes that

service said

Town-wide power outage planned

this may be an inconvenience to our customers and we have chosen times appreciate our customer's natience and understanding during these outages"

from the Ontario

The supply, transfer and associated power outages are necessary so a CNP crew can complete upgrades to the electrical transmission system in Fort Erie. The work is expected to take one week to complete.

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# 'It's an exciting time to be working at a library

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Alcox intends to create a Robot Club, giving youngsters a chance to play with educational rolling robots that teaches its users how to code while playing games. The library also purchased a colour-sensing robot that moves based on patterns, a kit that creates high definition stop motion animation videos and a freehand 3D printer pen that creates models in midair.

Other items new to the library include a LittleBits Base Kit that teaches young children about

circuit building and engineering and a Makey Makey Kit. which turns anything-even a banana-into keyboard for a computer or a controller for a

video game. "It's an exciting time to be working at a library," Alcox said about alll of the library's new

The St. Catharines resident

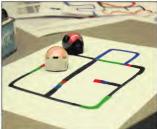
said she's glad to be back home and working in Niagara where she grew up, Alcox said. "I know Niagara really well and people come from all over the world to visit Niagara. I grew up

She's also excited about the opportunity to use her skills and "a little bit of silliness" to bring the youngest library users a lot of fun programs.

In addition to the Robot Club she is planning, Alcox said she hopes to host high energy game days with games such as Giant Tic Tac Toe, or fort building and

Lego dance parties, She is also developing workshops for teens that include 3D printing, recycled book art, painting and comic book creation.

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Children can learn more about technology at the Fort Erie Public Library. These two



Fund. The money was used to purchase items such as this button maker, robots, a 3D printer pen, and a die cutter machine for banners, cards, scrapbooking and other



The Fort Erie Public Library received \$5,000 from the Ontario Library Capacity



The Fort Erie Public Library has its own 3D printer that creates a variety of shapes such as the ones shown in this photo.

### here and I get to live here now." **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street West) At the Burgovne Bridge (Structure No. 081220) In the City of St. Catharines

> Temporary Lane Restrictions on the Burgoyne Bridge (April 25, 2016 - April 29, 2016)

Traffic on Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street West) at the Burgoyne Bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Henrietta Street commencing Monday, April 25, 2016 until Friday, April 29, 2016.

This lane closure is required in order to complete Bell utility relocation work for construction of the Burgoyne Bridge. During this night work, there may be disruptions due to construction noise. Niagara Region and Bell Canada will make all attempts to keep this disturbance to a minimum.

Any inquiries concerning this project may be directed to Regional Dispatch at 905-984-3690 or Jason Marr, P.Eng., Senior Transportation Project engineer at 905-980-6000, ext 3552.

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### Fort Erie Fire Department is looking for a few good men and women



Special to the Fort Frie Times

The Town of Fort Erie is looking for the dedicated few to serve the needs of

Volunteer firefighters are needed, and the town has kicked off another widespread campaign to bring in volunteers from every corner of Fort Erie..

Volunteer training and signup is handled by Deputy Fire Chief Keith Ger-

German is looking for a certain kind of person to bring his or her skills to the Fort Erie service that has always been volunteer-based.

"We're looking for people who have time, energy and a desire," said Ger-

He said the life of a volunteer isn't as amorous as it seems from the outside, but it's still very rewarding.

Sometimes you have to get up at two in the morning for a call, and then work early that same day," he said. "You miss some parties, you miss the

odd family gathering because there's a call and you have to go." German said that the sacrifice of the volunteer is what keeps the service run-

"It's exciting, it's different. For the younger people it's exciting and it gives them a challenge."

Developing relationships with other people in the fire service is another big perk, according to German.

The camaraderie between volunteers can be helpful in personal and business lives outside of the fire service.

Down 35 people from a full roster, German said the service is hoping to get back to about 140 people after this recruiting session

"We've always been able to find guys The town has always been good for that," said German.

"We've been very successful. We usually get 10 or 12 people a year who join the service."

They receive more applications than are accepted. To apply to become a volunteer fire

service member. German said the town website has an online application under the fire services tab, or an application can be picked up from any of the town fire halls and dropped off at town

Applications are accepted by the town until April 29, and the first weeks of May will be used for staff to review applications and respond accordingly.

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# Comment



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### **Fort Erie Times**

Peter Conradi regional editor Sarah Ferguson editor

Point of View

### Too many notable women for just one Canadian bill Come on, Canada. Australia achieved gen-

ema Forster was stunned as she watched Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announce on International Women's Day that women will be represented on one of Can-

ada's bank notes again. After fighting for this for years, it was hard to believe the victory, the historian and author of 100 Canadian Heroines (Dundurn, 2004) and 100 More Canadian Hero-

ines (Dundurn, 2011) said. Forster has been campaigning since a picture of the Famous Five (who led the charge in the 1800s to get women legally recognized as "persons" with rights) was removed from the \$50 bill in 2011. A petition Forster launched on Change.org in 2013 garnered more than 73,000 signatures to bring women back to Canadian currency. Even the U.S. is get-

ting ahead, announcing last year its redesigned \$10 bill will feature an iconic American woman, to be chosen by the public.

Now that this oversight is being rectified, our question is: why just one? How can one woman represent all Canadian women?

der parity on its currency featuring both a man and a woman, one on each side, on every monetary denomination except one. There are some obvious great choices to repre-

sent women on our bucks, like a personal favourite, 1812 heroine Laura Secord. Here are seven lesserknown Canadian heroes we also think would be ideal on Canadian currency. How better to encourage young women to look at

non-traditional careers than by honouring Elsie MacGill, Canada's "Queen of Hurricanes." As the world's first female aeronautical engineer. MacGill oversaw pro duction of Hurricane fighter planes during the Second World War. She also helped devise the first international safety regulations

for commercial aircraft. And certainly we'd put forward Canada's first female member of parliament, Agnes MacPhail. She was also the founder of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Canada, advocating for better prison conditions for women.

One name we've written about before is Viola Desmond, who fought segregation in Canada. Mary Two-Axe Earley is another little-known but powerful activist deserving recognition. In the 1960s, she stood up for indigenous women stripped of their rights by laws under

Canada's Indian Act. On Forster's suggestion, we'd nominate Madeleine Parent, the Quebec trade union activist who fought for workers' rights in the early 20th century and helped found the National Action Committee on

the Status of Women.

We can't overlook the

contributions of Canadian immigrants and minorities, like the incredible entrepreneur, philanthropist and activist Jean Lumb, aka Wong Toy Jin. At 18, she started her own grocery business in Toronto, and went on to support diverse causes, from education to health care to the arts. In the 1950s, Lumb advocated to change discriminatory laws that kept immigrants from bringing their families to Canada. She went on

to become the first female Chinese-Canadian member of the Order of Canada. And of course, we expect Canadian youth renresentation. When we open our wallets, we'd love to see faces like Shan. nen Koostachin. Koostachin, from

Ontario's Attawapiskat First Nation, was a tireless activist for aboriginal education. When the 15-year-old died in a 2010 car accident, her cousin Chelsea Iane Edwards founded the Shannen's Dream campaign, to advocate for equal funding for aboriginal schools.

let's make a real investment in diversity!

Craig and Marc Kielburger founded Free The Children. Me to We and We Day, Visit we.org for more information.

### Do you remember?





Our thanks to Sandra Bryant Fickel and an e-mailer who wishes to remain anonymous for contacting us about last week's photo. This was taken at Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School in 1981 and shows (from left) Ken Gibbons, Pat Baker, unknown student, Debbie Nitsche, and Margareta Skerrett. Mr. Gibbons and Mrs. Skerrett were both teachers at RCBHS and these were students at the school. Sandra who was also a student then. tells us that Mrs. Skerrett taught home economics. We are always interested in learning more about our Do You Remember photos, so please do get in touch if you can identify the other girl or tell us what the occasion was for all the awards and bouquets they are holding. This week's photo offers no clues on the back, but we are hoping that someone remembers these sweet little girls and can tell us their names, Please call the Fort Erie

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veryone is invited to join with members of the Bert Miller Nature Club at the Fort Erie Public Library, Centennial branch, on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m., to learn about Winged Jewels: Nature's Colourful Butterflies and Dragonflies.



Patty Moss, a champion for the monarch butterfly. will talk about the incredible journey of this beloved species and her work to help save it. Paul Philp will show us

more butterflies that can be seen in our area along with the beautiful dragonflies and damselflies that are often overlooked. Pollinators of all types are on the decline and need our help to ensure their survival. Find out what you can do to help so that we can continue to enjoy these beautiful jewels of nature. When the presentation inspires you to learn more, you will find books in the library collection



that include Butterflies of Shelby Alinsky, and From Canada by Ross Layberry,

Caterpillar to Butterfly by Anita Ganeri. April is Poetry Month, and we will celebrate with

an open public reading on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Centennial branch. We are asking some published poets to share their

work, as well as inviting new poets to join us for open mic time to make their voices heard. We encourage all the public who enjoy poetry and for a very 'original' evening. If you enjoy writing poetry,

bring yours along to share. If you are shy, come to listen. If you want to introduce young people to poetry and poetic forms, ask for A Kick in the Head: an everyday guide to poetic forms by Paul Janeczko. It is a delightful sampler of types of poetry, with explanations and examples all geared to the interests of middle school children.

Have you seen a film at the library recently? Ungrades to both sound and picture have made moviegoing at the Centennial and Crystal Ridge branches a real treat. definitely an improved experience for all library movie patrons, This Saturday, April 16. children and their fami lies may enjoy a 2:30 p.m. screening of Kung Fu Panda 3. Jack Black is the hero Po, continuing his "legendary adventures of awesome ness," Dustin Hoffman, David Cross, Angelina Jolie, Seth Rogen and Bryan Cranston round out the cast of this animated comedy action adventure for children. You can find us on

Facebook and Twitter, as well as our website www. fepl.ca.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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### Letter to the Editor:

THE COST OF LONG-TERM CARE I sincerely hope Niagara's cost per bed for long-term care is very, very much lower that the \$185 per day reported for "some municipalities" on page 2 of your March 31 paper. That daily \$185 equates to

\$67.525 per year or \$5.627 per month. That's more than double Canada's \$27,600 median annual income for a single person in 2013 (see Google)

Butterfly and Moth, Irene

Kelly's It's a Butterfly's

Life, Flutter, Butterfly by

profit old age homes pay for

I was always amazed that subsidized lowcost housing cost the taxpaver considerably And it's very much higher than residents of many forpaid to secure similar

far more luxurious facilities. When living in Toronto. more than private citizens

accommodation

I also recall a single mother sharing a two-bedroom subsidized Newmarket apartment with her teenage daughter. When her unwed daughter's baby boy was one year old, the poor nowgrandmother was thrown out Social welfare said it

was wrong for a young mother to sleep in the same room as her son. So now taxpayers had to pay for two grandmother's having only one bedroom.

subsidized apartments, the There's something incredibly wrong with a

expense which is far better and costlier than many hard-working families can afford for themselves.

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# The wood frog can be found in Marcy pond



A wood frog.

What a difference a day makes in Marcy Woods. Last year, on March 20, we walked with daughter Allison Kells and our cameras. No Rick Doan and his

camera magic.
There were few birds and no frogs at all. No flowers yet. Just a beautiful walk.

The very next day, at 10 a.m., there was music to our ears. First one quack then another as we approached the Marcy pond. Then a cacophony of duck-like sounds.

The wood frogs are back. It's the first we've heard in two years in Marcy Woods.

Marcy Woods.
Thank you owner, Dino
DiCienzo, for allowing
us the opportunity. Then
we walked the Lower
Trail that was bathed in
sunshine.

The DiCienzos have created a well stoned trail. The walking is easy on the small stone covering the Lower Trail. The spicebushes are

The spicebushes are starting to bud. In a few weeks their small yellow flowers will appear.



Then on the trail as we headed south was a Mourning cloak butterfly.

Not one but two.
These are our earliest butterflies.
Wait! There on our

watt Inere on our right a smaller butterfly alighted on the ground. Orange and black spots - I said it's either a Question Mark or a Comma butterfly. Back home in my guide,

I decided that because of its smaller size it was a Comma. They too are found here in spring time. No ducks in the pond this day as there were yesterday but a familiar quacking sound was heard. We were in the land of the Wood frozs.

Listen! One, two, five, 10, 20 perhaps 30 of these little guys letting their mates know it was spring.
Have you ever seen
a wood frog? Let me
describe one for you.
Think small - as small
as 3/4" that's 3.5 centimetres. Marcy's Woods
Wood frogs are this small.
Nature photographer,
Rick Doan, was along and
took many photos.

In other parts of Ontario they can be twice as large. They can be pink, tan or dark brown. Marcy Wood frogs are usually mostly dark hrown

They all have a prominent dark mask that ends abruptly behind the eardrum. The ones I have observed have a white belly. The little toes are not fully webbed. Why?

I don't know. Their voice is a distinct raspy quack. Get 30 or 40 of them together in full voice and you won't forget their sounds. Timing is important.

Timing is important.
One year I waited just
a few days too long and
they were gone. They
mate and in a few days
they lay their fertilized
eggs. Then they are gone.
They all disappear into

the surrounding wetlands. This year I hopefully we will monitor the masked little frogs more closely. It has been a warmer winter. Here at March break wish us

Note: Saw none or heard none those days. Great news!

On March 29 of this year, Rick Doan captured the mating sounds of wood frogs in sight and sound. Just what we had hoped for. Thanks Rick.

On March 30, daughter Allison and I heard them too. That's our wood frog fix for another year! April cold and snow. April 4 lots of snow - wood frogs? Yes! On April 5 Rick Doan sent a video of the

Marcy pond.

There were wood frog mating sounds a plenty!
Also the loud tapping sounds of the pileated woodpecker in the background.

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, local historian and nature lover.





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### Raising awareness for autism



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One of my new patients told me one day that she use to hate coming dentist because her previous dentist atways talked about flossing. She told me she hated flossing, and consequently I made requires the formation of biofilm (a.k.a plaque) for

sure I talked about it too. So why do so many dentists talk about flossing all the time?

Flossing eliminate the decay causing bacteria between your teeth. In fact, flossing is the only will do this effectively. alone. Your favourite so does your dental tooth picks will not problem. remove it either.



By cleaning out this and discussion, please As mentioned in my biofilm by flossing, we visit his previous articles, it can disrupt the formation. www.in/godent/stry.com.



your teeth, you can save a lot of time and costs that are being spent on dental treatment for tooth decay or tooth loss.

Hopefully now you will like flossing.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry. 905-871-2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry,

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### NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW PLANNING ACT, 1990, C. P 13, SS.34(18), O.REG. 545/06

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law No. 45-2016 on the 11th day of April, 2016 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 4th day of May, 2016, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only Individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group, However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made or all submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.ca.

#### PURPOSE AND FEFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 45-2016 is to amend Town of Fort Eric Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 129-09 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above as follows: Parts "1" and "7" from "Residential 2 R2-188 Zone" and "Residential 2 R2A Zone" to "Residential 2 R2-2 S52 (H) Zone"; Parts 2 and 6 from "Residential 2 R2-188 Zone" and "Residential 2 R2A Zone" to "Residential 2 R2A Zone" and "Residential 2 R2A Zone" to "Residential 2 R2A Zone" and "Residential 2 R2A Zone" and "Residential 2 R2A Zone" to "Residential 2 R2A Zone" and "Residential 2 R2A Zone" to "Residential 2 R2A Zone" and "R2A Zone" and



The lands shown as Parts 1 and 7 on the location map are zoned Residential 2 R2-552 (H) Zone. These lands shall comply with all of the provisions of By-law 129-90 as amended that relate to the lands zoned "Residential 2 R2 Zone" except for the following:

- i) Maximum lot coverage 50%
- ii) Minimum front vard 4.5 metres to the front face of the dwelling unit and 6 metres to the front face of the garage
- iii) Minimum rear vard 7.5 metres

The lands shown as Parts 2 and 6 on the location map are zoned Residential 2 R2-553(H) Zone. These lands shall comply with all of the provisions of Bylaw 129-90 as amended that relate to the lands zoned 'Residential 2 (R2) Zone' except for the following: NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW Planning Act. 1990. c. P 13. ss.34(18). O.Reo. 545(06)

- i) Maximum lot coverage 50%
- ii) Minimum front yard 4.5 metres to the front face of the dwelling unit and 6 metres to the front face of the garage
- iii) Minimum interior side yard 1.0 metres
- iv) Minimum rear vard 7.5 metres
- v) Maximum height of a building 2.5 storeys, 10.5 metres"

The lands shown as Parts 4 and 5 on the location map are zoned "Residential Multiple 1 Holding RM1-554(H) Zone". These lands shall comply with all of the provisions of By-law 129-90 as amended that relate to the lands zoned "Residential Multiple 1 RM1 Zone" except for the following:

- i) Maximum exterior street townhouse lot coverage 50%
- ii) Minimum side vard 1.5 metres for an end unit and 0 metres for a common wall"

The Holding provision shall be removed upon the approval by the Council of the Town of Fort Erie of a Subdivision Agreement after the owner/developer has entered into a subdivision agreement.

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# **News Briefs**

### Bridge closure

The Central Avenue Bridge will be closed to traffic from April 18 at 7 a.m.to April 26 at 6 a m to accommodate removal of the sidewalk and watermain as a result of design and construction issues not previously foreseen. The bridge will reopen to vehicular traffic on April 26. Pedestrian traffic will be

### directed to use the detour along Niagara Parkway until July. MPP savs he'll continue fight for seniors

Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates said he was happy to learn last week that the Liberal government has decided not to go forward with its decision to raise senior's annual drug benefit deductible to \$170 after immense pressure from opposition parties and concerned community

The MPP canvassed neighbourhoods in Fort Erie. Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls over the course of the last few weeks to gather signatures for a petition

opposing the provincial government's budget plans to increase deductibles and copays under the Ontario Drug

Benefit Program. 'We proved that when we organize, when we pull together our voices as a collective community-we can produce real results," stated Gates, "I'm very happy to see the government step back

from this decision," Gates said. According to Gates, the government "has only paused this decision policy," so it's important to "keep the pressure on and ensure the government understands how unfair this is for seniors." "Seniors made my community great and they

deserve better," he said.

### Regional councillor provides update to council

At Monday's council, Regional Councillor Sandy Annunziata gave an undate to councillors on progress of new and ongoing Region projects. This included news that Regional Council is beginning

Fort Erie Fire & Emergency Services

to explore solutions to the region's rampant affordable

housing problem. According to Annunziata. council must focus on cutting down the waitlist that presently holds in excess of

10,000 Niagara residents. Further, the federal, provincial and regional government have all committed \$500,000 towards strengthening broadband internet services in rural areas within the region, though no timetable for project completion has been created.

Lastly, Annunziata alerted council that he'd be recommending a motion to the region to ask the province to commit more seriously to diagnosing and treating Lyme disease within Ontario. Fort Erie residents are always at an increased risk of tick bites due to warmer weather and large swathes of uncleared or overgrown land

### Fort Erie to recognize important dates The Town of Fort Erie will recognize two important

within town borders.

dates over the coming

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On Anril 28 Town staff will join municipalities across Niagara in flying flags at half-mast in recognition of the National Day of

The Niagara Regional

Labour Council has asked that municipalities lower their flags to remember the individuals who have died in workplace catastrophes. On May 30, Town staff will recognize Pride Week by

flying a rainbow flag at town

Rainbow flags are a symbol that represents the strength and perseverance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities



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### Fort Erie Secondary School invites the community to latest production

#### SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The stage is set, the props learned their lines.

are ready and the actors have Fort Erie Secondary School will present Neil Simon's comedy The Odd Couple Female Version during three performances. Opening night is Friday, April 22. A second show will take place on Satperformance will be held Friday, April 29. "Neil Simon is one of the best comedy writers," said the play's director. Vince Marin-

accio "When he wrote the Odd Couple, you would never think he could top that but the Female Version is even funnier," he added.

In this version, Olive Madison, the producer of a prime

divorced and living large in her New York apartment. Super successful and a super slob. Madison lives in ignorant bliss amid her take-out containers and discarded laundry in ber completely

taining the girls every Trivia-Pursuit night. During a girls' night out, one chair is noticeably absent. Florence Unger is missing.

In a stroke of brilliance, Madison invites her longtime friend, a neat freak, to move in with her Marinaccio said the cast dishevelled apartment, enterand crew has put a lot of effort

into their production. "The kids that have been casted for it are so perfect that it's scary how well they fit their characters," he said.

she is wallowing in self-pity

with the news of her husrvn Fitzpatrick, Hannah Leesband's request for a divorce. lev. Bailey Arih. Mikayla Ian-Fyke and Erik Timber.

the play is "accessible" to students and the cast "is having a tremendous ball" rehearsing and preparing for their upcoming performances.

This year, Fort Eric Secondary School has joined Cappies Niagara, a critics and awards program for high school theatre and journalism students. Schools in the region participating in Cappies train high

school theatre and journalism students as critics, who then attend shows at other schools and write reviews. Their reviews are submitted, anonymously, for review by a

Cappies teacher. Marinaccio said the top reviews will be published in

nadrea, Ton Weaver, Matthew According to Marinaccio.

formed At the end of the season, the student critics and perform-

The productions stars Lau- a local newspaper after each

ers gather for a formal Cappies gala and awards ceremony Marinaccio said student critics will be in the audience

of the plays have been per-

on opening night to review the

The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. for all performances.

Tickets are \$10 for adults. and \$5 for children and students.

Groups of 10 people or more can purchase their tickets in advance for \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased online at dsbn.org/scboolcash or fess. dsbn.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Fort Erie Paints, at 401 Garrison Rd.

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# **Johnny Cash** tribute concert to benefit SPCA

Special to the Fort Erie Times

It won't include the ring of fire, but everything else about the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' annual Tribute Concert will take you back to the times of Johnny Set for the Fort Erie Lei-

sureplex on June 5, tickets for the concert cost \$25 and the proceeds will benefit animals at the Fort Erie SPCA

Jim Yorfido, a Johnny Cash tribute artist, said this year's lineup will be stronger than ever.

Pam, Jim's wife, was formerly an SPCA board director and she was one of the founders of the concert. She'll be paying tribute to

Tammy Wynette. The Yorfidos will be joined by Elvis Presley, Big Bopper and Tony Bennett tribute artists. Yorfido said the choice to play Cash was easy.

"I didn't choose him, he chose me," Yorfido said. 'I always liked Johnny Cash," he added.

Yorfido always received comments about his hair, and when the tribute concert came into being, he was the perfect choice. "You've got the hair; why

don't you be our Johnny?," Yorfido said he was told. Yorfido and company are hoping to raise at least \$10,000 this year. All proceeds will go to benefit ani-

mals at Fort Erie's SPCA out-To purchase tickets or for more information call 905-

871-2461. The doors to the Leisureplex will open at 1 p.m. and the show will begin at 2 p.m.

Austin Gooder is a Niagara College Journalism Print student. You can send him an e-mail to austingoodermedia@gmail.com



lim Yorlido and his band of tribute artists plan to bop and entertain at the fourth annual SPCA Tribute Concert on Sunday, June 5.







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# **Police: Not wearing a seatbelt is expensive**

### Fort Frie Times

Not wearing a seatbelt could prove to be costly for drivers in several ways. "It's expensive and it's

points," said Niagara Regional Const. Shane Schedler. Not wearing a seat belt will cost you two points on your driver's licence and (a

\$240 fine)," he said. Schedler, a member of the NRP traffic enforcement unit, said police see a lot of people of all ages not wearing their

seatbelts. "It doesn't matter if you're male or female. It's people that just get in their car. Usually what I hear is 'Oh, I just got a coffee and got back in my car' but they are two or three kilometres from the coffee shop, or they say 'I just left home' and they're far

from their house," he said. "People get busy, kids are in their car and they seem to Schedler tells people

'you've got to wear (your seathelt): He noted two recent crashes in Niagara-one in

St. Catharines and another in Fort Erie-where two people were ejected from their vehi-"If you're ejected from a

car, 99 per cent of the time it's because you're not wearing a seatbelt," Schedler said. "We see a lot of people not wearing their seat belts. We go to all the serious collisions in Niagara and we see the effects of people not wearing

their seatbelts first hand," he



Niagara Regional Police conducted a seatbelt last Thursday on Central Avenue near Gilmore Road in Fort Erie.

Schedler joined officers from the Fort Erie detachment last Thursday afternoon to conduct a safety check on Central Avenue near Gilmore

Road in Fort Erie He said an officer from the Fort Erie detachment initiated the safety check and

contacted the traffic enforcement unit to assist. "The idea is to make sure people are wearing their seatbelts. We're also checking to see if their insurance is valid and that their plates aren't peeling or in disrepair,"

Schedler said. If drivers have licence plates with numbers on it that are peeling, the Ministry of Transportation can replace

them, he added. At 3 p.m., the constable estimated between 200 and

Age

300 cars had been stopped. "There have been a number of provincial offense notices

that were issued. We've had . One motorist was arrested for impaired driving and another was charged with stunting after

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police in Fort Erie conducted a four-day traffic enforcement blitz between April 6 and 9 in

everything from not wearing seatbelts, to not having

Saturday, two criminal

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feel any different." The Gilmore Place resident celebrated her 100th falo, NY.

birthday surround by family and friends last Wednesday eventually returned to Canafternoon Geist's family describe her Fort Erie.

as loving, happy and very According to Geist, the key to a happy life is being pleasant and polite to everyone. The best advice Geist said

she can offer anyone who

asks for it, is to "always make sure you're a part of the

group. Originally from Quebec, Geist moved to Fall River. "I can't believe I'm 100 Mass., in her youth. She ears old, Geist said. "I don't owned and operated a small group of cottages with her husband, Edward, in Buf-

> Geist and her husband ada, where they retired in

> She has two daughters, Arlene and Joanne, five grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

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Helen Geist, surrounded by her family, celebrated her 100th birthday last Wednesday at Gilmore Place.

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Helen Geist celebrated her 100th birthday last Wednesday In this photo, she is cutting her birthday cake



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# **Burd Sisler is 101 years you**

Special to the Fort Frie Times After a military career, 29

vears as a customs officer and some time at a tire factory, Burd Sisler is still hitting milestones. On Thursday, April 14, Sisler turned 101 years old.

ebrated at his weekly bowling league at Carroll's on April 8. He took time to remem-

ber some key moments in his life this week "I became a tire inspector, and I started making 90

dollars a month. It was war time, so it was mainly military tires," said Sisler. At that time, said Sisler, \$90 a month was a high rate

of nav Later. Sisler's flancée was forced to cancel their wedding because she'd had a chance to work at the Canada Soup Factory for 25

cents per hour. Sisler said that without employment insurance or taxes, those kinds of wages

were pretty respectable. When they tried again to wed, England and Canada

That was when the wedding was coming up, so we went through with it anyway." Sisler said.

After the military, Sisler worked at the Peace Bridge for 29 years.

Through his education in the military in Nova Scotia, Sisler said he developed Sisler and his friends celskills for post-military work.

This was mainly through a computer system used in calculating the trajectory of the artillery. It was Sisler's first introduction to a compute, though he said it paled in comparison to even computers from the

In his retirement, Sisler collects books and still bowls when he can. He keeps an impressive

collection of trophies from his long bowling career. At 101, Sisler still lives independently. It's a feat not matched by many, but Sisler doesn't take it for

granted. He stays sharp by writing the odd poem or practising trigonometry, something he's had a lifelong love for.

he'd written.

Times for a piece of poetry The piece itself is bur-

the Fort Eric Centennial of a poet anyways," he said. Library, and Sisler forgets exactly which poem it was,

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Burd Sister is a decorated bowler who shows his trophies off with pride. He turned 101 on Thursday.



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### Queen of Clubs lends a helping hand to COPE



The Queen of Clubs held a euchre tournament on March 21 and raised \$175 for the food bank at Community Outreach Program Erie in Fort Erie. From left, Barb Volzke, manager of COPE, is pictured with Queen of Clubs members Wendy Gilson and Joan Dubt.

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## **Friends of Crystal Beach** issue a call for artists

The Friends of Crystal Beach are looking for a variety of talented artists to feature in the second annual Circle of Art.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 23 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Queen's Circle in Crystal Beach.

Gayle Martineau said a variety of artists who specialize in acrylic, water colour and oil paintings, sculptures, sketches, photography, stained glass design, jewellery making, pottery and other mediums are invited to partic-

"Last year, I would say

we had about 125 people who attended the first ever Circle of Art and we're hoping to double attendance this year."

Marrineau "It was a successful event and the best part is every artist there sold something, which I heard doesn't

always happen." The organizer said a similar art event was held Circle of Art organizer at Queen's Circle for many vears but it was later moved to Waterfront Park, where it wasn't success-

> "When (the organizers) took it down to the park, it was too windy and people were afraid of their art breaking.

'It just did not go very well and it fell apart."

According to Martineau. a lot of Crystal Beach residents "kept saying it's too bad we don't have an art show at Oueen's Circle anymore'

That's why I approached the Friends of Crystal Beach last year and asked if we could revive the art show," she

said The cost to register is \$35 per person. Artists are encouraged to register as

early as possible. Applications are available at www.focbcircleofart.net or send an e-mail to Karen Matthews at karen matthewsch@hot-

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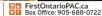
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Ridgeway that supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation. will host a concert to help grandmothers in need. From left are Joyce Senese Terri Phillips, Ida Nambeya and Deb Malcolm

# **Concert to support Stephen Lewis Foundation**

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We raise funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, which is a foundation that supports people living with HIV-AIDS in Africa," said Malcolm.

This year, the group will be hosting their third annual Rock and Roll Evening of Hope concert at the Sanctuary for the Performing Arts in

Ridgeway. On June 11, Crystal Beach musician Michael Pickett and the Paul James Band will be rocking out in support of the

Stephen Lewis Foundation. Malcolm believes the Stephen Lewis Foundation is worth supporting because the money the organization raises provides assistance for grandmothers who are left to care for their grandchildren.

In Africa, the AIDS pandemic is so sweeping that grandmothers are often left to watch over children after parents have succumbed to

the disease

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"(The Stephen Lewis Foundation) support grassroots group. So we know that any funds and proceeds donated to them are actually sent to the people that need them," said Mal-

Throughout the year, the group sells genuine African-made baskets that are imported from Ghana through a fair-trade organ-

"They pay the women who

make them in Ghana fair wages, so they're becoming self-sufficient," Malcolm

"That's extremely important to us.

These baskets are sold year-round at J.E. Harper and Co., and can also be found during the summer months at the Ridgeway and Port Colborne Farmer's Markets.

Tickets for the concert fundraiser, according to Malcolm, can be purchased on the Ticketscene website or alternatively found at the Flying Squirrel Restaurant. Brimstone Brewery or J.E. Harper and Co. in Ridgeway for \$20.

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D'Ambra, who owns Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics at 231 Garrison Rd., in Fort Erie, competed at the Battle of the Barber, a competition for hairstylists that was held recently in Toronto.

# Hair stylist learns the value of competition

#### SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Nino D'Ambra may not have won first place but to him, it feels like he did. D'Ambra, who owns Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics at 231 Garrison Rd., in Fort Eric, competed at the Battle of the Barber, a competition for hairstylists that was held at the end of February

in Toronto.

D'Ambra hadn't competed in a hairstyling competition since 1999 and wasn't sure if he wanted to participate

wasn't sure in he wanted to participate in Battle of the Barber. "I thought yes, then maybe, then no," he said. Finally, his business partner and

friend, Maria Costa, pushed him to do it. Although he finished in 13th place, the challenge was a learning experience, he said.

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at competition you have to be focused," D'Ambra said.

"I love being on the stage, it was a beautiful experience," he added. With his son, Antonio, standing in as his model, D'Ambra was tasked with

creating a pompadour hair style, a look similar to how singer Elvis Presley typically styled his hair. D'Ambra was given 30 minutes to cre-

ate the hairdo, which "seems like a lot of time," but it isn't.

"If I had another 10 minutes—even five minutes—I guarantee I would have finished in the top three," he said. "When you're in the salon, you can

take all the time you need to get the cut done right. But when you're one stage and there's a time limit, you can't cut the same way you do when you're in the salon."

D'Ambra almost didn't make it to the competition because a pipe burst at his salon, forcing him to close his business for renovations. He is now running his salon in a temporary space beside Barrel Pizza on Garrison Road.

The hair stylist said his salon likely

won't reopen until late spring or summer.
D'Ambra intends on returning to the competition next year.

"I know what they expect now. I know what to do and I'll be better prepared," he said. "Next year I am going for gold."

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Although X-ray services will continue at Port Colborne's urgent-care centre. Niagara Health System is urging doctors to use it sparingly during night shifts. "We're asking the physi-

cians to think twice about after-hours x-rays," Dr. Tom Stewart, NHS chief of staff, said. "In Port Colborne, we're talking about between

10 p.m. and 6 a.m., in the off

He said urgent-care centres in Port Colborne and Fort Erie gets about five visits during that time, "and

maybe once or twice a week - maybe up to three times - they need to get x-rays Most of those x-rays, Stewart said, are routine, vet getting x-rays done in the middle of the night requires a

technician to be called in

"It's really about cost sayings so we can put that back into programs to make sure people are getting what they need, like CT scans and MRIs," he said.

However, Stewart said x-rays will still be available if they're needed.

"If the physician deems that someone absolutely needs an x-ray, they're going to get it"

available to be called in "but really what we're asking physicians to do is to use your clinical judgment, and not to do it on a routine basis."

Stewart called it a minor change, and said he was surprised it raised concern within the community. However, Welland MPP

Cindy Forster called it another step toward reducing services at the Port Colborne hospital.

\*From a bigger picture, we have a 24-hour, urgent-care centre that should have 24 hour a day services. This is once again that systematic cutting and slicing until the facility is no longer viable.

Forster, a registered nurse, said ordering an X-ray is "at the doctor's discretion in any event."

she said.

"It's the doctor who makes the diagnosis, it's the doctor who is there when the issue, whether it's a respiratory issue or a broken bone," she said. "It's certainly up to the doctor to make that

informed decision." Stewart said if patients are unhappy with the doctor's decision not to order an X-ray, "they could drive to an emergency where there's 24/7 X-ray and get one.

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· Offer your services. Working professionals have their own unique skill sets, and organizations are always in need of people who can bring something unique to the depending on how substantial your donations, great way to give back to the young people in as financial donations,

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· Raise awareness of a good cause. Many events in an effort to raise awareness for their causes, Such events may include a 5K, a walk for charity or a local vendor showcase where the entry fees go directly to the organization sponsoring the event. If you want to give back but can't afford to make a donation, then participate in such events. Races and charity walks often encourage participants to form teams made up of friends, family members and coworkers, so enlist the help of others and ask them to share their participation via social media so they raise

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Volunteer work

Kids of all ages can volunteer. Acclimate youngsters to the idea of volunteering this holiday season. Youngsters' efforts need not be elaborate. Toddlers can help collect food for a food pantry while school-aged children can assist elderly

neighbors. The entire family can work together at a school, hospital or nursing facility. The

Clean out the closet

their communities or helping the less fortunate they are and how they are in a position to help those who are not so lucky. Parents and children can work together so it doesn't seem like the little ones are the only ones giving away their belongings. Adults also should sort through their items and have an equally impressive pile of donations. In addition to local clothing collection bins, there are regional and national

earlier children become Another fun way children can get accustomed to giving involved is by hosting a bake sale of back, the more inclined craft sale. The proceeds of all items sold they may be to continue can be used to benefit a charity chosen those efforts and make it by the kids. Let voungsters set the a central part of their lives. course for the creative extravaganza.

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Donating items also can Families can work together to clean up about their charitable efforts and what teach kids valuable lessons. a stretch of beach or a local park or even others can do to make real changes.

involving kids directly in giving back to including helping them recognize how make improvements to a neighborhood

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AUSTIN GOODER Special to the Fort Erie Times

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"We've not only met. but we've superseded their expectations.

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est quality. "The employees at Livingston National Service Centre

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Drew Chamberlain, president and chief executive officer of CAA Niagara, is pictured at the launch of the annual Worst Roads campaign at CAA offices last Wednesday in Thorold.

# Time to vote for worst roads

LAURA BARTON Special to Postmedia network It's voting time again - not

for politicians, but for the worst roads in Niagara. CAA launched its 13th annual Worst Roads campaign last Wednesday and, like for past years, it's up to motorists to vote

which roads they think are most in need of improvement. CAA Niagara spokesman Rick Mauro said the auto agency has already gotten word that there is an 80-per-cent decline in pot-

hole repair requests this year in But, he said, it's not only about potholes

The key is to give Niagara residents a voice when it comes to road improvement while also encouraging federal and provincial government to "deepen financial commitment to municipalities," said CAA Niagara president Drew Chamberlain.

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across the country He said \$120 billion over the next 10 years will be used toward infrastructure improvements and he is

addressing what the upper levels of government are

focusing on. Chamberlain said some of the steps the two levels of government have already taken include dedicating some of the gas tax revenue to infrastructure while directly consulting municipalities to see how the money can be best used.

Mauro said there has

been improvement in the

identified by prior Worst Roads campaigns have been

repaired. The information garnered from the campaign is also important to municipalities. St. Catharines city Coun. Carlos Garcia called the road information valuable and "particularly important" for Niagara because of how spread out the region is.

He lamented two roads

from his city being on last

year's top 10 list — Queen-

said road repair workers will make navigating the streets more difficult and it is the responsibility of drivers to be cafe

list this year.

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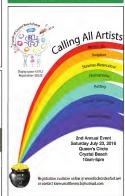


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MIKE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

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# tional championship title winner takes time to heal

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Every great athlete needs a team of dedicated supporters standing just outside the ring for when things get tough. Christian Zelenco, a 15-vear-

old boxing prodigy from Fort Erie, is no exception. Returning victorious to Fort Erie after a hard-fought National Championship bought, Zelenco says she's healthy and ready to roar, but the last few months haven't

been that easy for the spry An elbow injury sustained during a tournament in February left Zelenco dealing with a bad case of tennis elbow, so she turned to physiotherapy to work out

the kinks. "It impacted my left elbow, so its my left punch," Zelenco said. Being a left-handed hoxer. Zelenco's left punch is an important part of her arse-

In fact, her southpaw style gives her a unique competitive edge in the ring. As such, Zelenco fought

through the pain, even going so far as to compete in backto-back days in February while still dealing with the

ache in her elbow. "I was clueless as to what was happening. I thought maybe it was something with the hone," she says.

and I had to start wearing a brace during training and sparring."

Sparring is crucial to staying in boxing shape, so the missed hours in the ring can easily stack up for a boxer like Zelenco.

That's why the efficiency and quality of care shown by Active Care Physic in Fort Erie struck a chord with Zelenco

"They told me what tennis elbow was, they told me exactly what happened to my arm and they told me exactly how it was going to get healed," she says.

Zelenco also says staff at Active Care took a personal interest in her career "They went above just

physio care. They actually took interest in what I was doing," Zelenco says. The personal care made it easier for Zelenco to get through the pain and inten-

sity of physiotherapy. Her path to the physic table at Active Care was likely more winding than Zelenco could have anticipated when she jumped into the kickhox-

ing ring years ago. With her heart set on representing Canada at the Olympics, Zelenco was left to make the decision to either switch to boxing, which is currently an Olympic sport. or stay with kickboxing,

Staff at Active Care Physio like Kari Puhl, seen here working with boxer Christian Zelenco last Wednesday, help bring athletes

which isn't. now on Canada's National The decision was easy, but

there were a few snags "It was challenging. I had to leave a lot of teams that I'd known really well," Zelenco She also had to go through

back to their fullest potential.

the process of learning new techniques and new forms. "Kickboxing and boxing are similar in that they both have contact, but they're really different," she says. Zelenco tackled the change with aplomb. She's Junior boxing team, and is the reigning national champion for her division.

She's still years away from an Olympic bid, but Zelenco knows she's up for the rigours of preparing to be an Olymnic athlete

For now, Zelenco is preparing for her home club's annual boxing night.

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which open at 6:30 p.m Austin Gooder is a Nia-



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# **Danial Singer** rocks draft encore

### Postmedia Network

What a difference a year makes for Danial Singer. Last year, the 17-year-

old St. Catharines native waited out the entire Ontario Hockey League draft without being selected wait finally ended when he

was selected 153rd overall in the eighth round by the hometown Niagara Ice-"I kept my phone on all day and I saw that Niagara

had picked my name," he said. "The first thing I did is

call my mom (Sheila Carr) and thank her, and then I called my dad (Duane Singer) and thanked him for everything he did. I had the biggest smile on my face."

last season, Singer joined the Fort Erie Meteors of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference and had an excellent jun-

ior B season. He had 31 goals and 57 points during the regular season, then scored On Saturday, his long five times in five playoff

> "Not being drafted last year was a motivational thing for me," the Grade 11 student at St. Francis said. "It got me to push harder to prove everyone and show that I should have been drafted.

Compared to then, it's unbelievable. I feel great right now." The 5-foot-7, 155-pound

forward felt like he made great strides this past season with the Meteors. "Playing bigger kids

it was faster heads, un hockey," he said. "The speed of the game totally changed, and I had to

work on that." Being drafted by the Ice-Dogs is one more chance to prove everyone wrong - albeit at a much higher

level "I want to go out there and prove that I can play in the OHL," he said.

He is going to get his chance 'You don't draft a 99 (1999 birth date) if you don't think he can make your hockey team," Ice-Dogs head coach/GM Marty Williamson said.

"He was the rookie of the year in the junior B league and we think he can step in and heln." Williamson believes Singer wasn't selected in his draft year due to his

smaller stature.

JULIE JOCSAK/ST, CATHARINES STAN Danial Singer, shown in this file shot playing for the Fort Erie Meteors, was selected by the Niavara IceDogs in the eighth round of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League

"He is one of those guys who has kept improving himself; no one argued his skill, but size was a factor." he said. "He was playing against 20-year-olds and size wasn't a factor."

Without a ton of draft picks to play with, the Ice-Dogs signalled they were serious about Singer by picking him in the eighth round

"We didn't want to miss out on him," Williamson said. "We knew other teams were interested, and we wanted to get him.



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# Sports Wall of Fame inductees announced

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A horse trainer a karate teacher, a basketball team, a pole vaulter and a hockey player are among this year's inductees into the Fort Erie

Sport Wall of Fame. The Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame Selection Committee has worked tirelessly over the course of the last few months to select this

year's inductees. Cathy Dennahower, chair of the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame Selection Committee, said this year's inductees

"are marvellous." "It's so regrettable that you can't induct everybody. The diversity and the quality of nominees that come to us makes it a really difficult decision," Dennahower said about the process of select-

ing this year's inductees. She said the selection committee is "pleased" with this year's choices and she would like to thank everyone that submitted a nomi-

Charles Franklin Blair, or Chuck as he is known to friends and family, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and moved to Fort Erie as an infant. Blair played professional hockey for 12 years before he retired in 1961.

He was playing with the Toronto Marlhoros in 1949 when he was called up by the Toronto Maple Leafs to play his one and only NHL game. After he retired, Blair moved home to Fort Erie where he became a businessman and owner of the Angelo Hotel and the Blair Sports Com-

Blair was also an avid sponsor of local junior hockey teams and passed on his love of hockey to his children and grandchildren.

Jason Wurster didn't take up pole vaulting until he was in Grade 9 but he quickly excelled at the junior level and set a new record in 2002 at the OFSAA championships. He went on to win a second OFSAA championship title at the senior level in 2003 and continues to hold the record for the highest jump. He earned a bronze medal at in the Pan Am Jun-

Wurster was the Canadian Men's Pole Vault Champion from 2005 to 2007 and again from 2010 to 2012.

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Cathy Dennahower, chair of the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame Selection Committee, is photographed here sorting through this year's Sports Wall of Fame inductees nominations.

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# Induction ceremony to be held in June

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His personal best is a height of 5.60 metres, the equivalent of a two-storey building. Following graduation from the University of Toronto where he earned an honours degree in geography and history, he elected to stay there to be near the training facilities. He is currently third on the All-Time Canadian Pole Vault rankings.

John "Pass-Eye" Passero was a horse trainer with a career that spanned three decades from the 1930s until in 1963 and won many races.

When Woodbine Race Track opened in 1956, Passero trained a colt name sero trained a colt name Canadian Champ that won the Queen's Plate, the Prince of Wales and The Breeder's, not yet known then as the Canadian Triple Crown Series

Passero won 10 stakes races with Canadian Champ, and in total had 60 stake winners.

Over his career, Passero trained future champions and outstanding stakes winners including Hidden Treasure, Pink Velvet, Yummy Mummy, Royal Spirtt, Windy Ship and Skinny Minny, From 1980 to 1962, he was one of the top three trainers in the final standings at Woodbine, Greenwood and Fort Erie. In 1960 he was inducted into the Canadian Horse

Racing Hall of Fame.
Peter Bay Ruch, born and
raised in Fort Erie, was a
police officer from 1966 to
1996, retiring with the rank
of sergeant. He served with
distinction earning two
commendations for bravery

He also served on the

Niagara Regional Police Association including terms as chairman and as president as well as with the Police Association of Ontario and the Canadian Police Association. Even with doing all of this, he wanted to spend more time with his children so in 1976 they joined the Fort Erie Wado Kai Karate Chih

Ruch earned his Black Belt in three years. He went on to become the head instructor in the early 1980s and is credited with teaching over 2,500 young students including 27 who became black belts.

Ruch was involved nationally for many years with the Shintani Wado Kai Karate Federation.

He continued teaching while also working on his personal development to receive his 8th degree black belt in 2013.

The committee has also chosen to induct the Crystal Beach Imperial House Baskethall Team.

Known as The Imps, the basketball team being honoured played together for three years from 1957 to 1960 and won the Eastern Canadian Basketball Championsbip which, at the time, was the highest

level achievable. The players went on to become coaches, managers and sponts in various sports in Fort Erie. The players were Gord Miller, Bert Szlagyi, Bob Clout, Mike Kormos, Dick Mullane, Bob Stoltz, Ted Renshaw, Joe Opatowsky, Ken Attwood, Peter Sokach and Brian Ellewsorth.

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TERREBERRY, Dorothy Georgina Dorothy passed away at the Maple Park Lodge on Sunday April 10th, 2016 at the age of 82. She was the devoted wife of Chester who predeceased her in 2000 Loving mother of Les (Brenda) Terreberry Patty (Bill) Spear and Judy (Stan) Shreve Proud grandmother of Michael, Gregory Jessica, Emily, Brian, Lauren (Casey). Rachael, Tania, Nicole and Brent and greek grandmother of 8. She will be sadly mis by her many nieces and nephews, her extended family and friends as well as her puppy Duffy. Predeceased by her parents George and Monica Donnelly and her sister Dolly Robinson. The family extend their heartfelt appreciation to Dr. K. Scher and the staff of Maple Park Lodge for their dignified and compassionate care shown to Dorothy. BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES. 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6 pm until the time of services in the Chapel at 7 o'clock. Private family interment to take place. If so desired, donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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KOMMER, Fred - (1957 - 2016) - Passed away in Sudbury Friday, March 25, 2016 at the age of 59 years. Son of Inge and mar Kommer. Predeceased by his wife Lisa. Loving father of Jennifer and Rick (Brandi). Dear brother of Predeceased by his brother John. Also survived by his in-laws Beverly Bowles, Bill and Emma Brown, sister-in-law Dana (Matt), Laurie (Doug), brother-in-law Nick (Ella) end Lence. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews. great-nieces and nephews. Fred was a man of few words, he was loved and respected by those who knew him. So put your Harley t-shirt and leans and come celebrate the man. A celebration of Fred's life will be held at the Stevensville Conservation Centre, Stevensville, On Saturday April 23, 2016 at 4:00pm, Funeral arrar THEORET BOURGEOIS FUNERAL

WAFER, Patrick Joseph - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Patrick Joseph Wafer on April 10th 2016 in his 83rd year. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Magdalen, his children Mark, Siobhan, Richard, Jo. WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES 722 Ridge Rd. North. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday April 14th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Snyder on Friday April 15th at 11 o'clock. Cremation will follow.

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away peacefully on Tuesday April 5th, 2016 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 87. Beloved wife of Owen for 68 years. Dear mother of Gary and Doug (Marianne). Cherished grandmother of 7 and greet-grandmother of 8. Loving sister of Louise Sider end sister-in-law of Eileen Baer (Butch). Survived by severel nieces end nephews. Arrangeme nts entrusted to WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway. Private family arrangements will be held. In lieu of flowers. emorial donations may be made to Crescent Park Lodge.

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of Ridgeway, Ontario died April 5 soon after the onset of respiratory complications in Welland County Hosp. A graduate of Ridley College School, St. Catharines and Cornell University in Civil Engineering, Tim began his career as Partner, ultimately becoming Owner and President of The Port Colhorne Iron Works until retirement and closing the business in 2000. Tim married Karen Slegfried, of Buffalo, NY in 1957 and settled in Fonthill ON, building a summer home in 1965 at the end of Abino Hills Road, in Fort Erie. An avid sailor from childhood. Tim spiled and raced on Ahino Boy as a litelana. member of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Skiing was elso e lifelong pession for Tim, Karen and family Winter treks to the Buffalo Ski Club in the 60's and HoliMont in Ellicotville NY through the 90's were the regular winter ski destinations. Tim was a founding member of the Fonthill Platform Tennis Club and also enjoyed Tennis at the Buffalo Cance Club and Abino Hills and golf at The Cherry Hill Club. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Karen Magee; sons Jeffrey, Tad (Marin) and Joe, with daughter Ellen Ann Hurley deceased in 2013 and grandchildren Egan B. Magee, Nate (Nathan) M. Hurley, T. Shane Hurley and Lindsay K. Hurley. Guests are welcome to greet the family at WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME in Ridgeway Ontario April 13 at 2-4 pm and 630-830 pm. A memorial service will be held at Forest Lawn Chanel in Buffalo on April 14 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers please send donations in honor of Tim to The Buffelo Philhermonic

MAGEE, Tim (Edward) Burgess - 87

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